ROSCOMMON GRAND JURY, &c.

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 4 April 1870;—*for*,

COPIES "of RESOLUTIONS passed by the Grand Jury of the County of *Roscommon* at the last Assizes, and forwarded to the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*:"

"And, of RESOLUTIONS of the Town Commissioners of *Roscommon*, and of Inhabitants at Public Meeting assembled, on the 21st day of March last, presented to the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*, together with Copy of the REPORT of the County Inspector of Royal Irish Constabulary, laid before the Grand Jury of County of *Roscommon* at the last Assizes."

— I. —

COPY of RESOLUTION passed by the Grand Jury of the County of *Roscommon* at the last Assizes, and forwarded to the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant.

WE, the Grand Jury of the county of Roscommon, desire to call the attention of Her Majesty's Government to the present disturbed state of the country, and request them to adopt at once such measures as may be sufficient for the maintenance of the law and the security of life and property.

(signed) *Fitzn. French*, Foreman.

Roscommon Spring Assizes, 1870.

— II. —

COPY of RESOLUTIONS passed at a Meeting of the Town Commissioners of *Roscommon* on the 21st March 1870, and presented to the Lord Lieutenant of *Ireland*.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting, Mr. Waithman, the high sheriff of this county, has acted imprudently by causing alarm, in making such a display on the occasion of his coming to our recent Assizes, by having mounted police escorting him from his residence in the county of Galway to Roscommon, such precautions being quite unnecessary in this county, as may be seen by his own address to the Grand Jury, and the county inspector's report.

Resolved, That we have learned with infinite surprise and dissatisfaction that the grand jury of this county, at last Assizes, passed a resolution, and forwarded same to the Government (of which the inhabitants, who are chiefly interested, knew nothing), calling for coercive measures for the protection of life and property in Roscommon. That we protest in the strongest manner against the necessity of any such proceeding. That neither the charge of the judge, the report of the constabulary, or the calendar of crime, warranted the grand jury in drawing such an inference. That we must only suppose those gentlemen, many of whom reside out of the county, were imposed on by some interested parties. That if any necessity for such repressive measures really existed, we, who are personally acquainted with the state of the county and the temper of the people, would be the most likely to know it, rather than those gentlemen.

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That we, the Town Commissioners of Roscommon, respectfully request his Excellency will be pleased to take further means for information before acting on the Resolution, we think, so unfairly and so unnecessarily adopted, with closed doors, by the grand jury of the county of Roscommon.

Resolved, That copies of the foregoing Resolutions be forwarded to the Lord Lieutenant, the High Sheriff, and the O'Conor Don, and that the latter be requested at an early day to call on the Government for a copy of the Resolution passed by the late grand jury of Roscommon, with closed doors: also, that copies of the above Resolutions be forwarded to the Boards of Guardians of Roscommon, Castlerea, Stokestown, and Boyle, also to the Town Commissioners of Athlone and Boyle.

— III. —

REPORT of County Inspectors laid before the Grand Jury of *Roscommon* at last Assizes.

Roscommon, 22 April 1870.

I BEG to state that I laid no report, but a Return of Offences committed in this county between Summer Assizes, 1869, and Spring Assizes, 1870, before the grand jury at last assizes, prior to sending that document to the Judge of Assize.

On the 14th ultimo I forwarded to head quarters a copy of the Return in question, agreeable to Circular Order (No. 8), dated 10th ultimo.

(signed) *W. Henry*,
1st County Inspector.

The Inspector General.

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(*The O'Conor Don.*)

Ordered, by The House of Commons, *to be Printed*, 5 *May* 1870.

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